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You say, in speaking of the large number of juvenile thieves running at large on the streets, "A better condition of affairs could be about if they could be induced to attend schools." The parents of some of the robbers, being of the Roman faith, have conscientious scruples about sending their children to free schools, and are not able to pay their tuition at their institutions, hence the miserable state of affairs is the result."

Now, this paragraph assumes what is rather a rather untrue. In the first place, the

that the vicious boys of whom it speaks from the public schools because conscientious scruples of their parents—that their parents are influenced by anything whatever. If conscience had any control on them, it were easy to induce them to send their children to the Catholic schools, while as free to them, and just as inexpensive as the public schools. That they do is sufficient evidence that they are under the influence of the devil rather than of any or dogmatic considerations.

In the second place, your paragraph

eral Catholic Churches of the city are free to all who are unable or unwilling to contribute to their support, but there is no charge for the children of the poor. The school is open to all, and the members it is to hunt up just such a one in question, and, if necessary, to send them with proper clothing and book expense to their parents, in order that they may have no excuse for absenting themselves from school. The writer is, and has long been, a member of these societies and

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